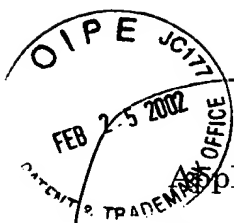


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MAMMALIAN VEGF RECEPTOR-2, AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2001, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely by a Petition For Extension Of Time and the requisite fees concurrently submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel Claims 8-52 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

12 ~~53~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~1~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the polypeptide is ORFV2-VEGF.

a' ~~sub 17~~ 54. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the polypeptide is NZ10.

4 ~~55~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~2~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the polypeptide is ORFV2-VEGF.

5 ~~56~~. (New) The method of Claim ~~2~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the polypeptide is NZ10.

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